

REMARKS

In the Response to Restriction submitted December 3, 2007, Applicants elected Group I, claims 1-6 and 18-20, with traverse, and submitted an amendment adding new claims readable thereon. Applicants herein reiterate the grounds for traversing the Restriction Requirement set forth in the previous response.

In reply thereto, the Office maintained and made final the Restriction Requirement, and issued a further Species Election Requirement. The Office indicated that the newly added claims are non-uniform, and therefore, Applicants must elect one sequence/sequence combination of a first binding partner and a second binding partner. In other words, Applicants must elect a single sequence for the first binding partner and a single sequence for the second binding partner from the following:

First binding partner:

A. comprising SEQ ID NO: 1 and SEQ ID NO: 2 (claims 27 and 28);

B. comprising SEQ ID NO: 3 and SEQ ID NO: 4 (claims 27 and 28);

C. comprising amino acids 3-108 of SEQ ID NO: 1, and amino acids 4-123 of SEQ ID NO:2 (claims 30 and 31); and

D. comprising amino acids 3-108 of SEQ ID NO: 3, and amino acids 4-123 of SEQ ID NO:4 (claims 30 and 31).

Second binding partner:

E. comprising SEQ ID NO: 5 (claim 26); and

F. comprising amino acids 3-120 and 140-246 of SEQ ID
NO: 5 (claim 29)

In reply thereto and further to the election in the
Response filed December 3, 2007, Applicants hereby elect, with
traverse, species D and F for examination on the merits. At
least claims 1-6, 18-20 and 32-33 are readable on the elected
species.


It is respectfully submitted that, contrary to the
Office's position, it would not constitute an undue burden to
search multiple sequences in a single application given the
present automated sequence searching technology.

Upon allowance of the generic claims, kindly consider
and examine additional species in accordance with the U.S.
election of species practice.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this,
concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any
overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional
fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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